Harassment of Tribal women in Wayanad, Kerala

4617. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Ministry of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the wide spread harassment of tribal women by policemen who went to the forest of Muthnaga, Wayanad district of Kerala,

(b) if so, the action taken, if any, in this regard; and

(c) whether necessary steps will be taken to enquire the above atrocities by a woman judge?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) to (c) According to the reports received from the Government of Kerala no specific case of harassment of tribal women by policemen who went to the forest of Muthanga, Wayanad district of Kerala, has been reported. However, during a operation launched by the district authorities for eviction of a large number of activists from the Adivasi Gothra Maha Sabha and Adivasi Kshema Samithy who had illegally encroached into the Amboothi and Thakarappadi areas of the Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad District, some women were arrested and released later on bail.

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes have already taken cognizance of the whole issue of encroachment of land by the tribals within the Wildlife Sanctuary in Wayanad District and submitted a report, wherein the Commission has given several recommendations for consideration by the State Government, including the ordering of a magisterial inquiry into the matter. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has also requested the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to take up the matter of a judicial inquiry with the State Government.

Demand for Autonomous District Councils

4618. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the tribals population in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) in the country and the names of the States they belong to;

(c) whether there is any demand for creating more ADCs in the States other than the North-Eastern Region;

(d) whether Government propose to constitute ADCs in other States;

(e) how many of these ADCs are under VIth Schedule; and

(f) whether these ADCs are working directly under the control of the Central Government or in unison with the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) A State-wise Statement, indicating the Scheduled Tribe population as per the 1991 Census is enclosed as Statement-I *(See* below*)*.

(b) There are 19 Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) in the country located in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur and Tripura. A Statement is enclosed as Statement-II *(See* below*)*

(c) The Ministry has not received any such proposal from the States other than those in the North Eastern Region.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

(e) Of the 19 ADCs as mentioned above, 9 ADCs are under the VIth Schedule of the Constitution (Annexure-II).

(f) These ADCs are functioning under the control of the concerned State Governments.

Statement-I

Scheduled Tribe Population as per the 1991 Census

Sl. No.	States/UTs	1991 Census	
		Total population	ST population
1.	Andhra Pradesh	66508008	4199481
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	864558	550351
3.	Assam	22414322	2874441
4.	Bihar	86374465	6616914
5.	Goa	1169793	376
6.	Gujarat	41309582	6161775
7.	Himachal Pradesh	5170877	218349
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	N.A.	N.A.
9.	Karnataka	44977201	1915691

Sl. No	States/UTs	1991 Census	
		Total Population	ST Population
10.	Kerala	29098518	320967
11.	Madhya Pradesh	66181170	15399034
12.	Maharashtra	78937187	7318281
13.	Manipur	1837149	632173
14.	Meghalaya	1774778	1517927
15.	Mizoram	689756	653565
16.	Nagaland	1209546	1060822
17.	Orissa	31659736	7032214
18.	Rajasthan	44005990	5474881
19.	Sikkim	406457	90901
20.	Tamil Nadu	55858946	574194
21.	Tripura	2757205	853345
22.	Uttar Pradesh	139112287	287901
23.	West Bengal	68077965	3808760
24.	A & N Islands	280661	26770
25.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	138477	109380
26.	Daman & Diu	101586	11724
27.	Lakshadweep	51707	48163
	ALL INDIA	790967927	67758380

NOTE :

(i) The Census was not held in J & K in 1991.

(ii) N.A.- Not Available

Statement-II

Details of Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) under the VIth Schedule of the Constitution and constituted under the State Legislation

Name of the State	Sl. No.	Names of the Autonomous District Councils/Autonomous Councils under the VIth Schedule to the Constitution of the India
Assam	1.	Karbi Anglong District.
	2.	The North Cachar Hills District.
Meghalaya	3.	Khasi Hills District.
	4.	Jaintia Hills District.
	5.	The Garo Hills District.
Tripura	6.	Tripura Tribal Areas District.
Mizoram	7.	The Chakma District.
	8.	The Mara District.
	9.	The Lai District.

Name of the State	Sl. No.	Names of the Autonomous District Councils/Autonomous Councils under the State Legistation
Assam	1.	Bodo Autonomous Council.
	2.	Rabha Hashong Autonomous Council (RHAC).
	3.	Lalung Autonomous Council (LAC) (Tiwa).
	4.	Mising Autonomous Council (MAC).
Manipur	5.	Chandel Autonomous District Council.
	6.	Churachandpur Autonomous District Council.
	7.	Sadar Hills Autonomous District Council.
	8.	Senapati Autonomous District Council.
	9.	Tamenglong Autonomous District Council.
	10.	Ukhrul Autonomous District Council.